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DHCD Works to Revitalize the District through Small Business Assistance
Funding Opportunity for Nonprofit Organizations

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WASHINGTON, DC – Polly Donaldson, Director of D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced the Department will be accepting proposals for Small Business Technical Assistance projects from local qualified nonprofits to provide small business support services in targeted commercial areas of the District. The official Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published in the September 25, 2015 issue of the D.C. Register (Vol. 62/4), and the Request for Applications (RFA) is currently available. This NOFA includes funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and some local funds.

DHCD is requesting proposals for services that create and deliver the ability to enhance the overall revitalization of neglected commercial areas and provide access to quality business services in areas which meet the 51% low- and moderate-income requirements. DHCD is seeking unique and creative business assistance techniques from applicants that show a high impact on business in the targeted community.

“DHCD wants to engage innovative partnerships with qualified nonprofit organizations, which will help build the capacity of the Small Business Assistance program and enhance the delivery of business support services for small businesses throughout the District. Our strong commitment to the community must include an obligation to empower and invest in start-ups and small businesses because they are a cornerstone for a thriving neighborhood” stated Polly Donaldson.

The **Small Business Technical Assistance** program is designed to create business support to help improve the overall economic viability of commercial neighborhood areas by spurring new private investment, and by increasing business attraction and retention. Funding from this RFA is available for qualified nonprofit organizations to provide a range of business support services in their target areas, including, but not limited to, micro-loan packaging; business planning; entrepreneurial training; one-on-one business technical assistance; and tax, legal or accounting assistance.

The RFA package, including all application materials are available in CD format and can be obtained at DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020, 1st floor reception desk daily from 8:15 am until 4:45 pm. This material is also available on the DHCD website, www.dhcd.dc.gov.

Completed applications for Small Business Assistance (RCS) must be delivered on or before 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, October 23, 2015, to DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., 1st floor reception desk, Washington, D.C., 20020. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline.

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The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.